

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A process for producing a fabric product comprising the steps of:

5 providing a fabric substrate having a face side and a back side , said fabric substrate containing a first yarn that is nappable from said face side of said fabric substrate;

applying a size composition to said face side of said fabric substrate according to a pattern such that said face side includes size treated areas and untreated areas; and

10 napping said face side of said fabric substrate, wherein said first yarn is napped in said untreated areas creating a fabric product having a textured pattern.

2. A process as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of removing said size composition from said fabric substrate after said
15 fabric substrate has been napped.

3. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said fabric substrate comprises a warp knitted fabric.

4. A process as defined in claim 3, wherein said fabric substrate contains a second yarn in addition to said first yarn.

20 5. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said fabric substrate has a basis weight of from about 2 osy to about 6 osy.

6. A process as defined in claim 4, wherein said first yarn is knitted in a manner that forms from about 14 to about 40 knitted rows per inch appearing on the face side of said fabric substrate.

7. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said first yarn
5 comprises a multifilament polyester yarn having a denier of from about 50 to about 200.

8. A process as defined in claim 4, wherein said second yarn comprises a monofilament polyester yarn.

9. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said size
10 composition comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a starch and a polyester.

10. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said size composition is printed onto said face side of said fabric substrate.

11. A fabric product having a textured surface comprising:
15 a warp knitted fabric containing at least a first yarn and a second yarn, said warp knitted fabric having a face surface and a back surface, said fabric being formed in a manner such that said face surface is predominantly comprised of said first yarn; and
wherein said warp knitted fabric has been subjected
20 to a napping process that has selectively napped said first yarn from said face surface to form a textured pattern, said textured pattern being defined by napped areas and unnapped areas.

12. A fabric as defined in claim 11, wherein said warp knitted fabric comprises a tricot fabric, a milanese fabric, or a raschel fabric.

13. A fabric as defined in claim 11, wherein said unnapped areas on said face surface have been treated with a sizing solution prior
5 to subjecting said fabric to a napping process.

14. A fabric as defined in claim 11, wherein said first yarn has been knitted in a manner that forms from about 14 to about 40 knitted rows per inch appearing on the face surface of said warp knitted fabric.

15. A fabric as defined in claim 11, wherein said first yarn
10 comprises a multifilament yarn.

16. A fabric as defined in claim 15, wherein said first yarn comprises a polyester yarn having a denier of from about 50 to about 200.

17. A fabric as defined in claim 11, wherein said second yarn
15 forms chain stitches in said fabric.

18. A process for producing a fabric product comprising the steps of:

providing a warp knitted fabric substrate having a face side and a back side, said fabric substrate containing at least a first
20 yarn that is nappable from said face side of said fabric substrate and a second yarn;

applying a size composition to said face side of said fabric substrate according to a pattern such that said face side includes treated areas and untreated areas; and

- napping said face side of said fabric wherein said
- 5 first yarn is napped in said untreated areas creating a fabric product having a textured pattern.

19. A process as defined in claim 18, further comprising the step of removing said size composition after said fabric substrate is napped.

- 10 20. A process as defined in claim 18, wherein said first yarn comprises a multifilament yarn.

21. A process as defined in claim 20, wherein said first yarn comprises a polyester yarn.

22. A process as defined in claim 20, wherein said second yarn
- 15 is chain stitched into said fabric substrate.

23. A process as defined in claim 22, wherein said first yarn is knitted in a manner that forms from about 14 to about 40 knitted rows per inch appearing on the face side of said fabric substrate.

24. A process as defined in claim 23, wherein the denier of
- 20 said first yarn is greater than the denier of said second yarn.

25. A process as defined in claim 18, wherein said size composition is printed onto said fabric substrate.

26. A process as defined in claim 23, wherein said fabric substrate is knitted in a manner such that said first yarn predominantly comprises said face side of said fabric substrate.